

Child abuse

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Definition

According to WHO :-

child abuse or maltreatment constitutes all forms of physical and/or emotional ill treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or commercial or other exploitation resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power

Non-accidental physical ,emotional or sexual injury inflicted on children by persons caring for them

Child abuse is classified into 1 of 4 major types :-

1. Neglect
2. Physical abuse
3. Sexual abuse
4. Psychological or emotional abuse.

Statistics UNICEF Jordan :-

- reported child abuse cases 661 in 2002
- 1,423 in 2004.

Study by UNICEF Jordan on “Violence against Children in Jordan” (2007) :-

- Physical and emotional cases constitute 50%.
- Sexual abuse constitute 45%.

❓ Though it is vital to recognize non-fatal child abuse, because of the need for intervention to prevent the 60 percent recurrence rate and 10 percent mortality rate.

MODES OF DEATH IN CHILD ABUSE

- ❓ The majority of deaths are caused manually, either by hitting or beating with the hands, shaking, throwing, dropping and - less often - by burning or suffocation.
- ❓ The most common mode of death is **head injury**. Next in frequency is **rupture of an abdominal viscus**

‘child abuse syndrome’ (also known as the ‘battered baby syndrome’)

- ❓ an infant or child suffers repetitive physical injuries inflicted by a parent or guardian, in circumstances that exclude accident.
- ❓ Most of the fatal victims are young, more than two-thirds being under 3 years of age

How to know child if the case is child abuse or not !!!

‘The skin and bones tell a story which the child is either too young or too frightened to tell ‘

1. History

The history does not match with the age , severity and distribution of the injuries
(disexplanation)

Delay in seeking treatment

Adults change history overtime (discrepancy)

2. Physical examination

1. Soft tissue

multiple injuries with different types ,age and site

Look for punishment sites

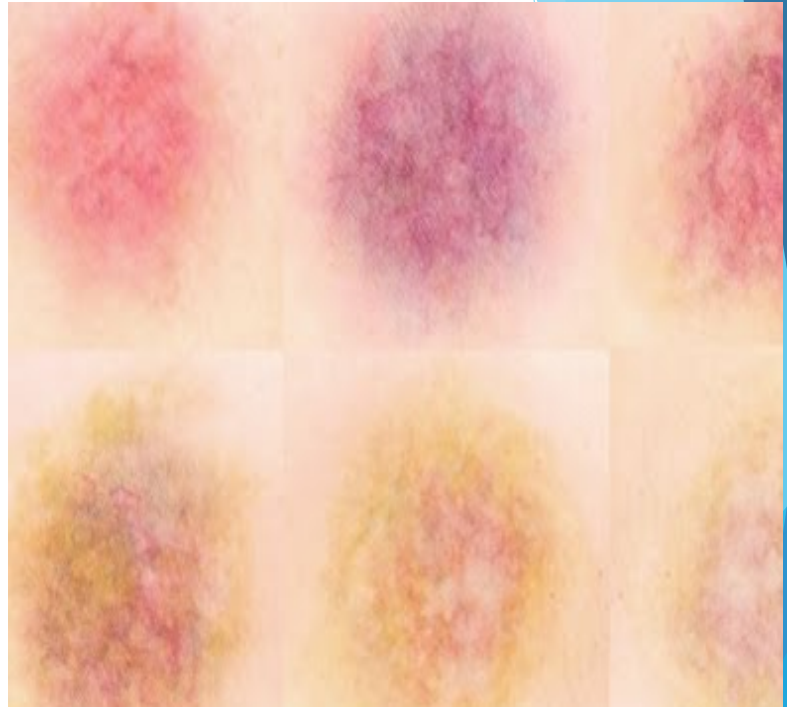
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Bruises

- ❓ Bruising around the limbs, especially the wrist and forearms, upper arms, thighs and - in small infants - around the ankles. These places form convenient 'handles' for an adult to grip the child
- ❓ The buttocks are a frequent site of bruising from hand smacks or beating with a strap
- ❓ Bruises on the chest, abdomen and neck are usually from finger pressure rather than slaps or blows.



- ❓ The age of bruises is an important issue in child abuse because:
- ❓ The observed age may be at variance with the history given by a parent, so increasing the suspicion of a non-accidental event.
- ❓ Bruises of different ages indicate episodes of injury at different times, one of the hallmarks of child abuse that usually continues over a period



2.Oral injury

- ❓ Lipial conusion and abrasion
- ❓ Frenulum tearing



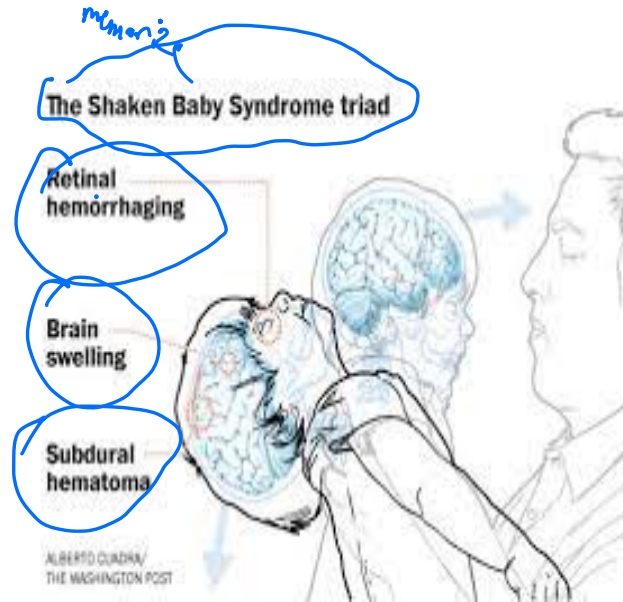
3. Eye injury

- ❓ Black eye , DDx !!!
- ❓ Retinal hemorrhage



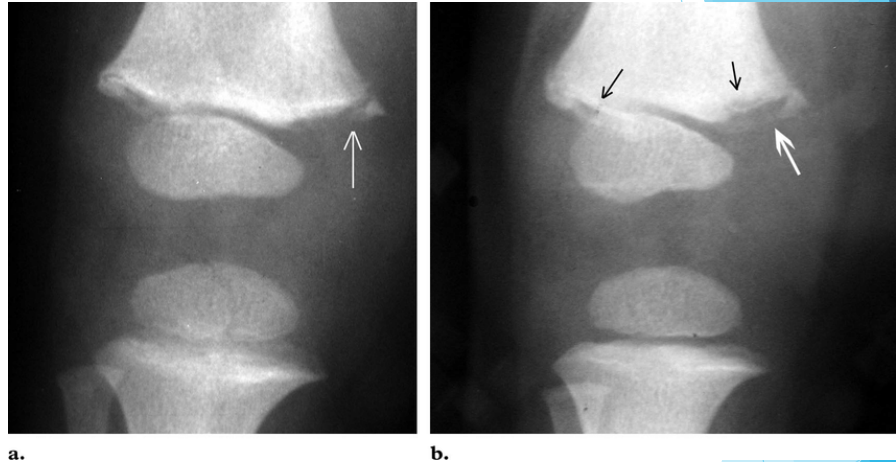
4. Head injury

- ❓ Subdural hematoma
- ❓ Subgaleal hematoma



4. Skeletal injuries

- 1. bucket handle fracture
- 2. ribs fractures
- 3. spiral fracture in infant

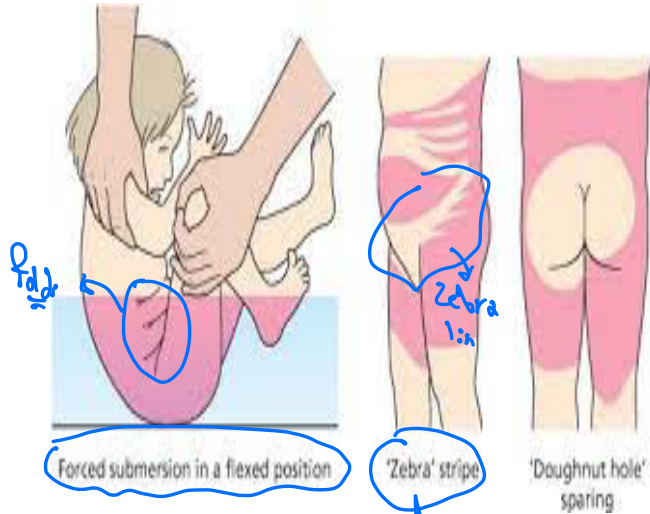


5. Thermal injury

الأمين با بنطال
و بجهة مع حاييه
الاسرة ?

Scald burn :

1. immersion
2. splashing
3. tap water



fold are spared
(in flexed position)

? Dry burn

1. contact

2. cigarette

contact → Sole, buttock
shoulder (hidden areas)



	children	parents
1.character	Illegal Unwanted Abnormalities 1-3 year old	Mentally Financial troubles
2.evidence	Diff . Inj + hospitality deprivation	Delay in seeking ttt Discrepancy

Sequaliae of child abuse

- ❓ Failure to thrive
- ❓ Psychomotor skills
- ❓ Learning difficulties
- ❓ death